

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Environment and Public Works Committee
Chairman
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Boxer:

As Californians confront daunting economic and employment challenges, we believe the best solutions will be found when all levels of government work together. In that spirit, we thank you for advancing the effort in support of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's innovative Measure R 30/10 plan. This plan has broad support, including the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Labor, and local elected officials.

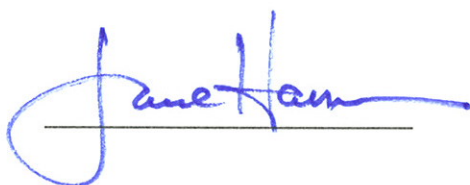
As you know, the 30/10 plan is intended to accelerate a build-out of multiple, essential Los Angeles area transit projects to alleviate congestion and long commute times, improve air quality, and create as many as 165,000 new jobs. We believe these well-paying construction jobs will make a real dent in our County's higher than national average unemployment rate.

Right now, with the horrific BP spill, 30/10 projects will reduce our region's dependence on oil. By cutting automobile travel by at least 208 million miles each year, it will reduce annual gasoline consumption by 10.3 million barrels.

We have been excited to watch the momentum for 30/10 build. Last February, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee Chairman Peter DeFazio came to Los Angeles to see first-hand the kinds of transportation projects envisioned in the Mayor's plan. Chairman DeFazio called the plan "visionary" and said "these sorts of things are what we really need to do." The June 3 letter from Transportation Secretary LaHood demonstrates the Administration's support of the initiative.

Working together, we hope the 111th Congress will take decisive action before we adjourn this fall.

Regards,





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